

MINUTES, OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Oconee County Council was held Tuesday, September 20, 1988 at 3:00 PM in Council Chambers with all Council Members and the County Attorney present.

Members of the press notified (by mail): Seneca Journal, Keowee Courier, Greenville News, Anderson Independent, Westminster News, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, WCCP Radio, WYFF TV & WLOS TV.

Press

Members of the press present: Tom Johnson - Seneca Journal, Dick Mangrum - WGOG Radio, Randall Holcombe - Greenville News & Ashton Hester - Keowee Courier.

All other persons who have asked to be notified of meetings were also notified by mail.

Others Person

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Chairman Crain who welcomed the guests and media.

Meeting

The invocation was given by Mr. Strickland.

Invocation

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the minutes of the September 6, 1988 meeting be adopted as printed.

Minutes

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that Mr. Crain, County Supervisor, and Mr. Winchester, Sewer Commission Director, sign the attached release form from Piedmont Engineers relative to the settlement award by the American Arbitration Association in the Martin Creek Pump Station case.

Piedmont
Release

Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the Sewer Commission be allowed to write pre-qualification specifications for engineering firms that will be bidding on engineering services relative to the PER for the Coneross Treatment Facilities upgrading. (See attachment)

Engineer
For Sewer
Project

At the recommendation of Mr. Kenneth Williams, County Auditor, Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the millage for the 1988 tax year be set at 120 mils. This is a total of thirty-four (34) mils for the county and eighty-six (86) mils for the school. (See attached breakdown)

Millage

At the request of Mr. S. E. Lowry, Election Commission Chairman, Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 to approve the request of the Election Commission for \$5,000 to supplement the pay for the poll managers by \$25.00 each.

Election
Commission

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 the Oconee County Emergency Preparedness accept and allocate a grant from Duke Power Company in the amount of \$31,573.52. (See attachment)

Grant from
Duke Power

Mr. Fant Honea, Rural Fire Director, addressed Council concerning waiving the bid process and purchasing a demonstrator Grumman fire truck at a cost of \$425,000 which represented a savings of some \$30,000 over a new truck. After considerable discussion in which the county attorney advised the purchasing policies and procedures be followed, Mr. Strickland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 this purchase be put out for bids. As was pointed out during the discussion, this truck has some eight thousand miles on it and the savings would not be that much in the long run.

Rural Fire

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that the deadline for filing for agricultural land use be extended until December 31, 1988 with the person now making application signing a statement as to why they had not filed earlier and these applications be approved by County Council upon the recommendation of the Assessor on a case by case basis.

Agricultural
Use Forms

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams that the forms taken by the Assessor's Office since the July 1, 1988 deadline be processed.

After discussion, Mr. Dyar made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harper, approved 4 - 0 (Dr. Earle out of room) that the above motion be tabled.

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that Day Enterprises be awarded the bid for remodeling the office at the Rock Crusher, they were low bid at \$9,600, however, the motion was to allow an extra \$1,400 to be spent for floor covering, etc. (See attached bid)

Rock Crusher

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the bid for a copying machine for the Solicitor's Office be awarded to Kearns Corporation for a total of \$5,634.20. (Although the bid for Harper Brothers is lower, the cost over a five (5) year period for maintenance, etc. makes the bid higher)

Copier for
Solicitor

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams that David's Heating & Air Conditioning be awarded the bid for the cooling tower for the Walhalla Library at a cost of \$10,625.

Cooling Tower

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dyar, approved 5 - 0 that the original amount allotted for this be amended to not exceed \$11,000 to include purchasing and installing a monitoring device.

The motion as amended to award the bid to David's Heating & Air Conditioning was then approved 5 - 0.

Dr. Earle made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, approved 5 - 0 that the following changes be made in the Magistrate's Office upon the recommendation of Chief Magistrate Becky Gerrard and Senator Alexander Macauley:

Magistrate

The Ministerial Magistrate position be deleted and be replaced with a part time Trial Magistrate working thirty (30) hours per week; twelve (12) hours in Westminster, six (6) on Tuesday and six (6) on Thursdays; eight (8) hours at any location needed and five (5) hours on call during the week and five (5) hours on call during the weekend. The entry salary be \$14,250 per year and there be a screening committee comprised of the Chairman of the LEC Committee of Council, the Chief Magistrate and a Member of the Bar Association to make recommendations concerning the choosing of magistrates.

Magistrate

Dr. Earle also reported to Council that S.1 probably would have little effect on the Master in Equity and further studies were to be done concerning the fees received by the Probate Judge's Office going directly into General Funds.

S.1

Mr. Harper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the attached transfer for Coroner be approved.

Transfer

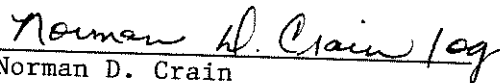
The Building & Grounds Committee scheduled a meeting Thursday, September 29, 1988 at 4:00 PM to inspect some of the gate guard facilities at the landfills.

Bldg & Grnds.

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Dr. Earle, approved 5 - 0 that the Town of Walhalla be allowed to display the old portable iron jail for open house at the renovated depot building on Saturday, October 1, 1988.

Portable
Jail

Adjourn: 5:45 PM


Norman D. Crain
Supervisor-Chairman
Oconee County Council